

In the Drawings:

There are no amendments to the drawings.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 8-14 have been allowed, and Claims 5-7 have been indicated as being allowable.

Claims 1-4 and 15 have been cancelled. The applicant herein transverses the rejection under Section 102 and reserves the right to file a continuation application with respect to those claims. Claims 5 and 8 have been amended so as to include the limitations of their rejected base claims, and any intervening claims.

In view of the above, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is earnestly requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative by telephone at (206) 381-3300 to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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